GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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RESTRICTED/ PROTECTED AREA PERMIT
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)Whether the Government has received any proposal to relax the Restricted Area Permit/Protected Area Permit for the foreigners in the country, particularly in North- Eastern States;

(b) If so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) The details of locations of such restricted areas in the country, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Government has received proposals to relax Restricted Area Permits

(RAPs)/Protected Area Permits(PAPs) for the foreigners in the country, including the North-Eastern States.

(b) These proposals, inter-alia, relate to expansion, modification, addition, deletion etc. of the existing Restricted/Protected Areas, increase/ decrease in the number of days allowed in the permit for visit to PAP/RAP areas, addition/ deletion of the authorities empowered to issue the permit, size of the tourist group and restriction on movement of the tourist etc.

(c) The locations of RAP/PAP areas are as defined in the Foreigners (Protected Areas) Order, 1958 and Foreigners (Restricted Areas) Order, 1963, as amended from time to time. PAP areas are usually all areas falling between the `Inner Line` and the International Border of the State concerned. The whole of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and parts of Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Rajasthan, Uttaranchal & Sikkim fall under PAP areas. The RAP areas cover the entire Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and parts of Sikkim.